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SUBJECT: IVP AMINUL HUQ BADSHA

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1. BADSHA ACCEPTS 3-WEEK GRANT BEGINNING APRIL 25, IN WASHINGTON. CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH BD AMBASSADOR.

2. BIO DATA AS FOLLOWS:

AMINUL HUQ BADSHA, 56 METHUEN RD., LONDON. BORN JAN 24, 1942 IN BANGLADESH. BANGLADESH CITIZEN. RECEIVED B.A. DACCA UNIVERSITY, M.A. IN SOCIOLOGY DACCA 1967. WAS ASSISTANT PRESS SECRETARY TO PM BD BEGINNING 1970. IS NOW EUROPEAN BUREAU CHIEF BSS (BD NATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) PUBLICATIONS: BAYES THEKAY CHOBLIS (SPEECHES BY PM BD). ORGANIZATIONS: ORGANISING SECRETARY TO EAST BANGLADESH STUDENT LEAGUE, 1964-5; GENERAL-SECRETARY IQBAL HALL STUDENTS UNION, DACCA U. 1964-5; GENERAL-SECRETARY KUSHTIA COLLEGE STUDENTS UNION; SOCIAL SECRETARY SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT DACCA U.; MEMBER DACCA PRESS CLUB; MEMBER DRAMA CIRCLE; MEMBER MUSIC SCHOOL CHAYY-ANOT (PLAYS SITAR); MEMBER JOURNALISTS UNION; ETC. TRAVEL: ACCOMPANIED PM TO INDIA, USSR, UK, GENEVA.

3. DURING WAR IN BD, BADSHA WAS IN RADIO AND EXTERNAL PUBLICITY DIVISION AND HAD OCCASION TO MEET OVER 300 FOREIGN NEWSMEN AND IN MANY CASES GUIDE THEM IN WAR ZONE. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MANY OF THESE

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JOURNALISTS DURING HIS VISIT. THEY INCLUDE JIM

HOAGLAND, WP; PETER JENNINGS NBC; DE BORCHEGRAVE, NEWSWEEK. WILL FORWARD ADDITIONAL NAMES FOR NYT, TIME, ABC, UPI. ALSO WISHES SEE SEN. KENNEDY WHOM HE MET BD. SHOULD ALSO VISIT USIA AND STATE OFFICIALS CONCERNED BD AFFAIRS.

4. BADSHA WOULD LIKE TO CONCENTRATE ON VISITING JOURNALISTS, NEWSPAPERS (NYT, WP, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, BALTIMORE SUN, LA TIMES), UNIVERSITIES AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH US-S.ASIAN RELATIONS. ALSO WISHES BROAD EXPOSURE US CULTURAL, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC SCENE FOR ARTICLES BD PAPERS. SUGGESTS CHICAGO IN ADDITION CITIES ALREADY DESIGNATED IN CONNECTION SPECIFIC NEWSPAPERS, AND RURAL AREA TO OBSERVE AGRICULTURAL METHODS.

5. BADSHA IS EXCEPTIONALLY ARTICULATE, ENTHUSIASTIC AND LIKEABLE PERSON WHO IS VERY FRIENDLY TO AMERICANS BUT HAS NEVER VISITED US. THIS GOOD OPPORTUNITY SHOW HIM BROAD RANGE US SOCIETY IN ADDITION TO HEAVY PROGRAM OF CONTACTS WITH JOURNALISTS, ACADEMICS AND GOVERNMENT SPECIALISTS IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ESPECIALLY CONCERNING BD.

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